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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

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Town Hall,

Buckingham.

Medical Officer.

Major C. Ronaldson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Buckingham  
acting by the Council as an Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report which, with the assistance of Mr. G.B. Chilvers, your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, to whom my gratitude and thanks are due, reviews the conditions of Public Health in the Borough of Buckingham for the year 1942.

The Borough, even compared with last year, has been singularly free from outbreak of infectious disease. There have been a few cases of Scarlet Fever and it is interesting to note that not one case of Diphtheria has been reported.

It is estimated that 69% of children under 5 and 85% from 5 - 15 years of age have been inoculated against Diphtheria.

Evacuation has again not presented any problem; the population is now 4,400 as compared with 4,500 for the year 1941.

There remains, nevertheless, a shortage of houses, but such a situation is inevitable at the present time.

The Child Welfare and Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics continue as before and attendances are very satisfactory.

The health of the Borough has, on the whole, been good which in the third year of the War, is very gratifying.

I should like to express to the members of the Council my thanks for their assistance and consideration and to Mr. Chilvers and his late assistant for the help they have always so readily given.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J.C. Ronaldson.

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| A.  | <u>VITAL STATISTICS</u> | 1942.               |
| Area.                                     |                         | 572 <sup>5</sup> a. |
| Rate as General's estimate of population. |                         | 4,534               |
| Number of inhabited houses.               |                         | 1118                |
| Rateable Value.                           |                         | 22,290              |
| Sum represented by a penny rate.          |                         | 91                  |
| Rates.                                    |                         | 13/-                |
|   | M.                      | F.                  |
| Live Births (Legitimate)                  | 28                      | 43                  |
| (Illegitimate)                            | -                       | 3                   |
| Still Births (Legitimate)                 | -                       | -                   |
| (Illegitimate)                            | -                       | -                   |
| Death of infants under 1 year             |                         |                     |
| Legitimate                                | -                       | 2                   |
| Illegitimate                              |                         |                     |

B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Public Health Officials. Mayor: Councillor T.H. Smith to November 9th 1942  
" Alderman J.M. Tilley from November 9th 1942.

Public Health Committee

Chairman: Alderman A.E. Busby.

Aldermen: G.W. Cantell, F. Holton.

Councillors, The Rt.Hon. Lord Addington, H. Cornwall, W.A. Griffiths, J.G. Denny, E.T. Hawes, Hon. F.S. Hubbard, W.S. Pringle, O. Pringle, O. Rodwell, P.J. Small, W.H. Thomas, S.G. Williams.

Public Health Officers.

Temporary Medical Officer of Health.

James C. Ronaldson, M.B. Ch.B., D.P.H. (Edinburgh)

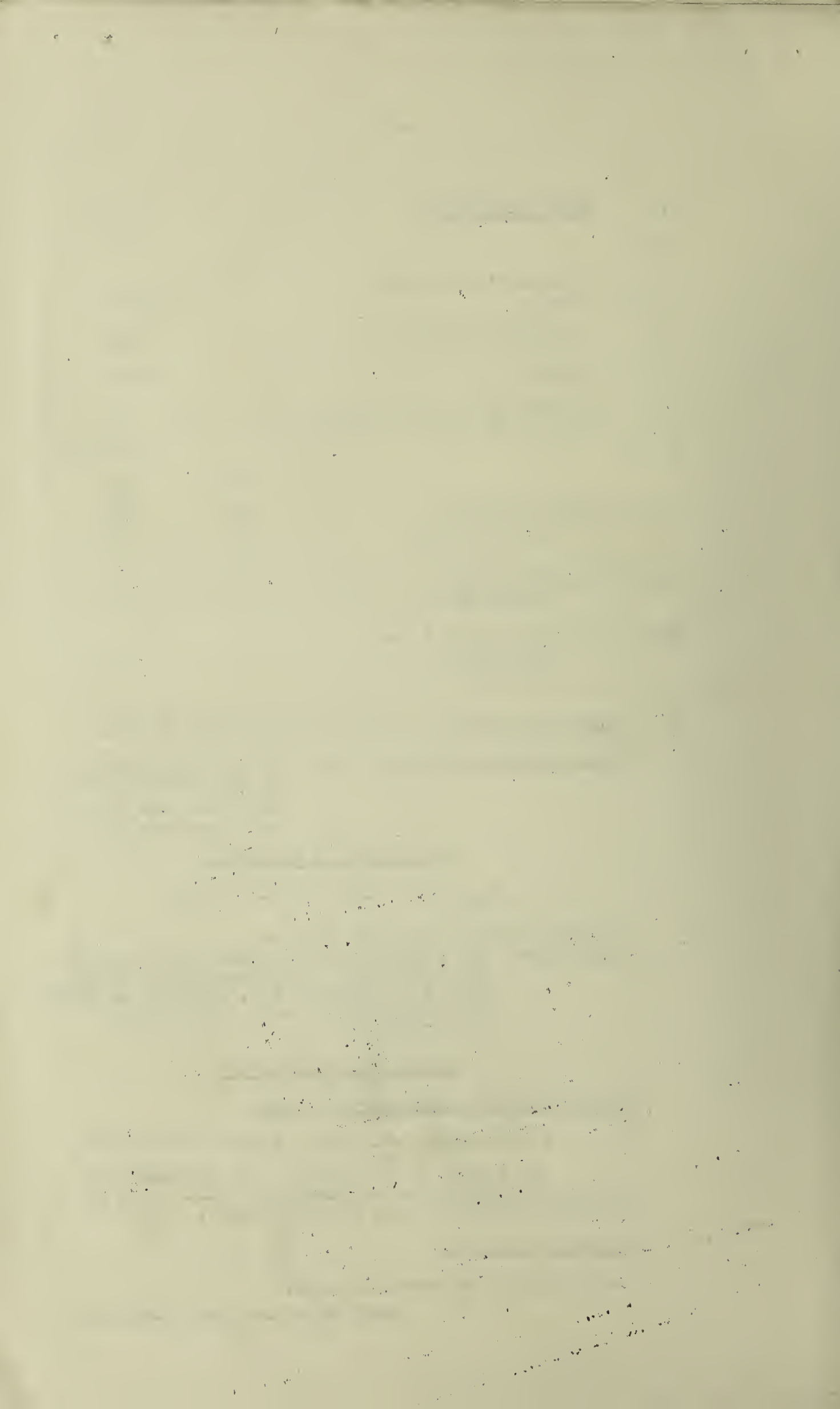
The M.O.H. is also M.O.I. for Blotchley U.D.C. and recently appointed to Buckingham R.D.C. and as Assistant County Medical Officer, Bucks.

Sanitary Inspector

George Belson Chilvers, F.I.S.E.,

Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute.





## 2. Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements made with the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service of the School of Pathology, Oxford to perform pathological investigations continued.

3. Ambulance Facilities remain as heretofore.

4. Nursing in the Home remains as heretofore.

5. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

(a) Maternity and Child Welfare Centre;  
The Welfare Centre has been carried out at The Congregational Schoolroom and has carried on its functions satisfactorily.

Other clinics under this head have been held as in previous years.

6. Hospitals.

No change in the Hospitals serving this area has occurred since the last report.

## C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. Water.

The Water Supply continues to be satisfactory as to quality and quantity.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

No special work of Sewerage or Sewage Disposal has been carried out during the year. No complaints were received as to the smell from the works. The land was cultivated and a mangold crop raised. The chlorination of the Sewage continues.

3. Rivers and Streams.

Complaints were again received during the year as to tar and oil flowing into the river from the Gas Works and the matter was taken up with the Company.

4. Public Mortuary.

The Public Mortuary has been of service to the Borough and Rural District.

5. Swimming Baths and Pools.

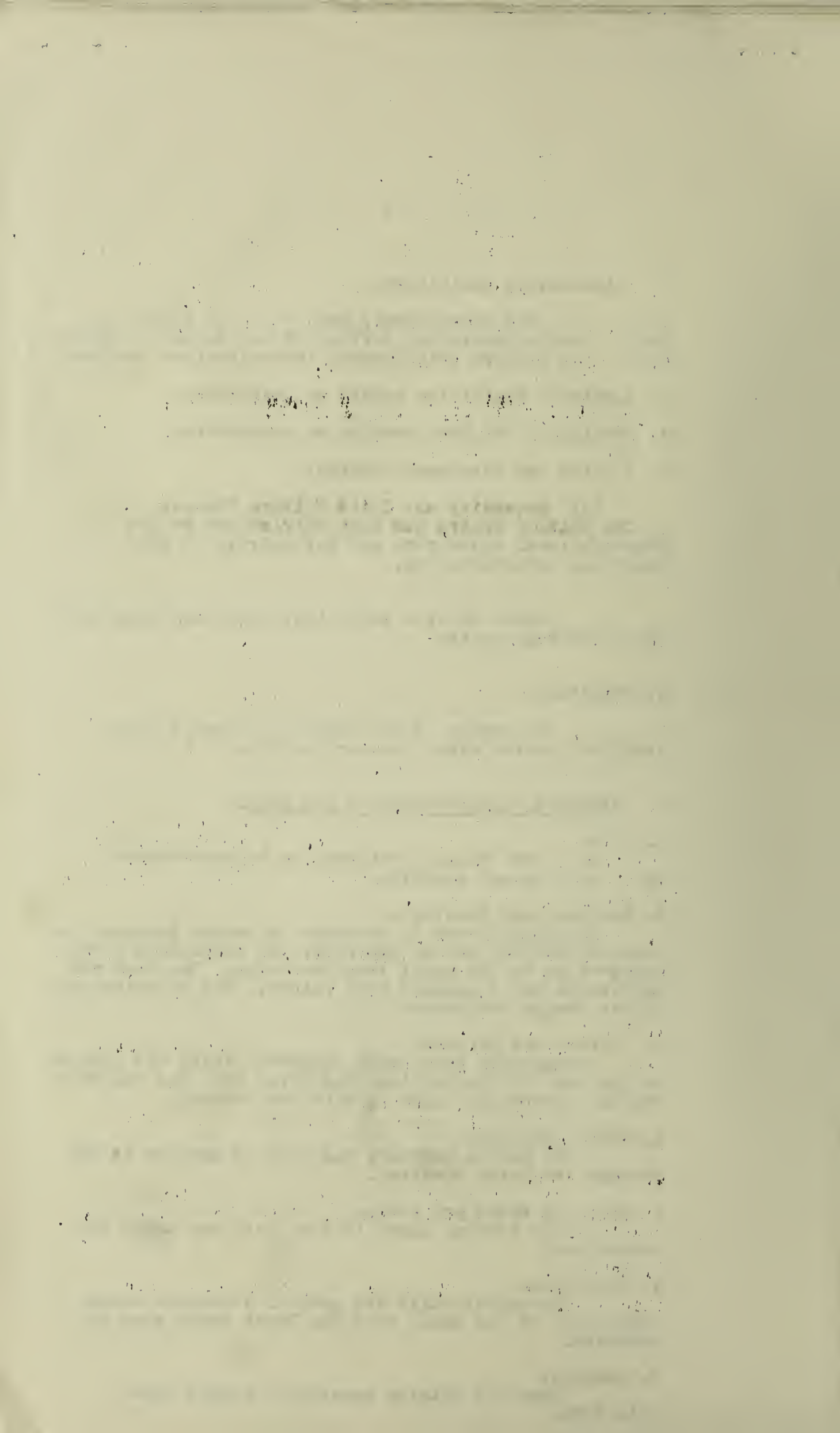
The bathing place in the river was again well patronised.

6. Factories.

No matter calls for special attention except complaints of the smell from the Paint Works were again received.

7. Schools.

There is nothing special to report under this head.





D. HOUSING.

The matter of housing has been in abeyance during the war. There is, however, a waiting list of over a hundred applicants.

E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

## (a) Milk Supply.

Visits have been made to the farms supplying milk to the town.

There are thirty one registered dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

## (b) Meat and Other Foods.

The Sanitary Inspector regularly inspects the meat at the Government Controlled Slaughter House.

F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

## General.

Five cases of Scarlet Fever occurred during 1942.

No other disease was prevalent during the year.

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1942

| <u>Disease.</u> | <u>Notified.</u> | <u>Admitted to Hospital.</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Diphtheria.     | 0                | 0                            |
| Scarlet Fever.  | 5                | 5                            |
| Pneumonia.      | 3                | 0                            |
| Measles.        | 1                | 0                            |
| Whooping Cough. | 1                | 0                            |

Janet C. Ronaldson.

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

